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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENARY A.)

SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION KISSINGER VISIT

1. SUMMARY: DANISH TV, RADIO AND PRINCIPAL NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT AND BALANCED COVERAGE OF KISSINGER VISIT YESTERDAY IN COPENHAGEN, BUT WITHOUT IMMEDIATE EDITORIAL COMMENTS. MOST MEDIA CONCENTRATED ON HIS DENIAL OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN VISIT AND RECENTLY CONCLUDED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SUMMIT MEETING IN DENMARK, AND ON HIS VIEW OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS.

END SUMMARY.

2. TV AND RADIO MAIN NEWSCASTS LAST NIGHT CARRIED FULL TEXT IN ENGLISH WITH DANISH TRANSLATION OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS.

3. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE ARTICLE REPRESENTATIVE DANISH PRESS COVERAGE:

POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT LEFT OF CENTER) HEADLINES:

(A) "WORLD PROBLEMS DURING STOPOVER.

KISSINGER VISITED COPENHAGEN 4 HOURS AND 25 MINUTES.

TEXT: "THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS LANDED IN COPENHAGEN YESTERDAY WHEN THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER MADE STOPOVER OF FOUR HOURS AND 25 MINUTES ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW.

"IN STATEMENTS BEFORE DEPARTURE AND DURING HIS STAY IN COPENHAGEN DR. KISSINGER STRESSED US POLICY IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS.

"ANGOLA: A CONTINUATION OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE WILL LEAD TO A DETERIORATION OF RUSSIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

"LEBANON: THE CIVIL WAR IS A TRAGEDY WHICH CAN DESTROY MIDDLE EAST PROGRESS MADE TO DATE. THE US WILL OPPOSE THE UNILATERAL ATTEMPT OF ANY COUNTRY TO INTERFERE IN THE STRUGGLE.

"EC AND US: RELATIONS ARE EXTREMELY GOOD, AND THE US WILL AS IN THE PAST DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO WHICH CAN PROMOTE EUROPEAN UNITY. DENMARK PLAYS A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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GARDING EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS UNITY AND IN THE DIALOGUE WITH THE US.

"NATO: WE DO NOT WISH WITH TO FALSIFY OUR VIEWS. IF COMMUNISTS JOIN NATO COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS, THIS WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THAT COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US, FOR NATO COOPERATION, AND GENERALLY FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. BUT OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A MATTER FOR EACH GOVERNMENT TO

DECIDE.

(BL "15 MINUTES WITH MARGRETHE.

"KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER K B ANDERSEN INVOLVED THESE AND SOME OTHER ISSUES - AND KISSINGER ALSO HAD TIME FOR A 15 MINUTE VISIT TO QUEEN MARGRETHE.

"KISSINGER AS WELL AS THE DANISH GOVERNMENT STRESSED THAT IT WAS A COINCIDENCE THAT THE VISIT TOOK PLACE THE DAY AFTER THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC SUMMIT IN HELSINGOR. THE DANISH SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY ISSUED THE SUMMIT MEETING INVITATIONS ON OCTOBER 31; ANKER JORGENSEN WHILE VISITING WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 13 ASKED KISSINGER TO 'DROP IN, IF YOU PASS THIS WAY'. WHICH HE (KISSINGER) DID, YESTERDAY."

"THE CONVERSATIONS ALSO CONCERNED THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC SUMMIT,(WHERE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE A MAIN ISSUE ON THE AGENDA) WITHOUT (ANKER JORGENSEN'S) ACTUALLY REPORTING TO KISSINGER ON THE SUMMIT.

"WHEN TALKS IN MOSCOW ARE ENDED, KISSINGER FLIES TO BRUSSELS WHERE HE GIVES THE NATO COUNCIL A REPORT ON THE ATTEMPT TO REACH A RUSSIAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS. A NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, INCLUDING K B ANDERSEN, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.

(C) "DEMONSTRATIONS

"WHILE PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN TALKED WITH
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HENRY KISSINGER AT CHRISTIANSBORG WHICH WAS STRONGLY GUARDED BY THE POLICE, 2-300 OF THE DANISH LEFT WING DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS QUIET, AND EVERYONE WENT HOME AFTER SIGNING THE 'INTERNATIONALE'." POLITIKEN/PAGE 5, JANUARY 21, 1976.

4. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) HAD EIGHT-COLUMNS FRONT PAGE, HEADLINED, "POLICE FEARED ATTEMPT ON KISSINGER'S LIFE," AND TWO-COLUMN ON PAGE FIVE, HEADLINED, "KISSINGER: U.S.A. WILL NEVER ALLOW SOVIET UNION TO OBTAIN MILITARY SUPERIORITY," WITH THREE-COLUMN PIX OF KISSINGER TOGETHER WITH DANISH PRIME MINISTER AT CHRISTIANSBORG. THE PAPER TOOK NOTE THAT KISSINGER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JAMES P. WADE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THAT WADE'S PRESENCE MAY BE INTERPRETED AS PENTAGON CONCERN THAT

KISSINGER MIGHT MAKE "TOO MANY" CONCESSIONS TO THE RUSSIANS,
PARTICULARLY ON THE LOW-FLYING "CRUISE" MISSILES WHICH MIGHT
BECOME THE OBJECT OF A "TRADE-OFF" WITH THE LONG-RANGE
SOVIET "BACKFIRE" BOMBER.

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5. THE PAPER FINDS KISSINGER'S "SHARP STATEMENT" ON THE
CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN OTHER PARTS
OF THE WORLD CONTRASTING WITH THE "LET'S BE NICE TO

THE AMERICANS" TONE OF THE SOVIET PRESS PRIOR TO KISSINGER'S VISIT. THE PAPER NOTES THEIR PRAVDA COMMENTATOR, VITALIJ KORIONOV, ASSURED HIS READERS A FEW DAYS AGO THAT THE SOVIET UNION "IS FILLED WITH A DEEP DETERMINATION TO DO UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS UTMOST TO FIND A SOLUTION TO A LIMITATION OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE" AND THAT "THE SOVIET PEOPLE CONSIDER AN IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT GOAL FOR THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE".

6. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE ALSO FOUND THE SECRETARY'S COMMENT ON THE CONSEQUENCES FOR NATO OF POSSIBLE COMMUNIST ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE AS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT THE JA. 17-19 SOCIALIST SUMMIT MEETING "EVEN THOUGH (KISSINGER) CAREFULLY POINTD OUT THAT HIS VISIT TO COPENHAGEN ON THE FACE OF IT HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE HELSINGOR SUMMIT."

7. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE WAS THE ONLY PAPER DISCLOSING THAT THE EXTREMELY TIGHT SECURITY SURROUNDING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS BASED ON POLICE INFORMATION ALLEGING THAT COPENHAGEN (AND THE SECRETARY) WOULD BE THE TARGET OF TERRORIST ACTION BY "ONE OF THE MORE DANGEROUS GROUPS".

8. INFORMATION (INDEPENDENT LEFT WING) CARRIED THREE COLUMNS ON PAGE 3, HEADLINED, "KISSINGER: COOPERATION WITH COMMUNISTS WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES" AND TWO COLUMNS SAME PAGE, HEADLINED, "ANKER J AND DR K AGREE ON COMMUNISTS." THE PAPER BELIEVES THAT KISSINGER WANTED TO BE INFORMED ON THE SOCIALIST SUMMIT MEETING "AND THIS CAN BE SEEN AS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF HIS LATEST STATEMENTS REGARDING THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO WESTERN EUROPE AND THE POSSIBLE AMERICAN REACTION TO COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN CABINETS." THE PAPER ADDS: "KISSINGER RECENTLY HAD TALKS WITH THE FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERAND, WHO, AT THE SUMMIT MEETING, MADE REFERENCES TO A SOMEWHAT CONCERNED DR. KISSINGER, AND THE HELSINGOR SUMMIT CONFIRMED DR. KISSINGER'S CONCERN (REGARDING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE)." THE PAPER ALSO SAYS THAT PRIMIN ANKER JORGENSEN IN A BRIEFING FOLLOWING HIS TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY'S VIEW ON COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION: "MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATO ALLIANCE IMPLIES A GOVERNMENT THAT ALSO SUPPORTS THE ALLIANCE AND THAT WOULD NORMALLY EXCLUDE COMMUNISTS FROM GOVERNMENT FORMATIONS."

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9. INFORMATION FURTHER CITES JORGENSEN'S STATEMENT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN THE NATO COUNTRIES, AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS DECLARED ITSELF IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET AND IN NATO, HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS DECLARATION WITHOUT A LOT OF RESERVATIONS "BASED ON MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNISTS".

INFORMATION ALSO REPORTS THAT ANKER JORGENSEN (IN THE SAME BRIEFING) SAID THAT HE HAD NOT GIVEN THE SECRETARY AN ACTUAL REPORT ON THE SOCIALIST SUMMIT, BUT ONLY SOME THOUGHTS ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING. ANKER JORGENSEN SHARPLY DENIED THAT HE HAD CONSULTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE FORM AND TIMING OF THE MEETING. SIMILARLY, THE PAPER SAYS FONMIN K B ANDERSEN REJECTED RUMORS OF AMERICAN CRITICISM OF PREVIOUS DANISH SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA, "WE WERE QUITE IN LINE WITH KISSINGER IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA", HE SAID.

10. AKTUELT (SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT), CARRIED ONE COLUMN ON FRONT PAGE, HEADLINES, ("KISSINGER THREATENS: SAY NO TO COMMUNISTS", PLUS FIVE COLUMNS PAGE NINE, HEADLINES, "STRONG WARNING FROM KISSINGER TO U.S. ALLIES IN EUROPE". THE PAPER ADDS UNDER THIS HEADLINE THAT DR. KISSINGER DID NOT EXPECT A NEW ROUND IN THE STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST SOON, AS FIRST THE RESULT OF THE RECENT ROUND MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. HE SAID THAT DETENTE WILL BE THE MAIN SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW, STATING THAT IN THE END IT WOULD LEAD TO CONFLICT IF THE GREAT POWERS, REGARDLESS OF EFFORTS AT DEENTE, PURSUE A POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING ADVANTAGES IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD. AKTUELT ALSO STRESSES THE EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES.

11. BORSEN (BUSINESS AND FINANCE PAPER) HAD A FOUR-PAGE COLUMN ON PAGE SIX, HEADLINED, "KISSINGER SAYS UNEQUIVOCAL" NO TO PROTECTIONISM". THE PAPER SAYS THAT PRESIDENT FORD OPPOSES PROTECTIONISM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, A POINT OF VIEW WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER NOW CONFIRMS IN COPENHAGEN. "THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER IT WILL BE FORD KISSINGER OR THE PROTECTIONISTS WHO WILL SUCCEED WHEN THE MATTER OF LIMITATIONS ON THE IMPORT OF STEEL IS DEBATED

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BY CONGRESS."

12. JYLLANDS POSTEN (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE), LARGEST REGIONAL PAPER, CARRIED THREE-COLUMN STORY PAGE THREE, HEADLINED,

"KISSINGER WARNS AGAINST COMMUNIST IN EUROPE'S GOVERNMENTS." EKSTRA BLADET (SENSATIONALIST TABLOID)
REPORTED PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN'S EVENING BRIEFING FOR DANISH PRESS. TWO COLUMN HEADLINE, PAGE 12: "ANKER J ANNOYED WITH PRESS: (KISSINGER DID NOT ASK ME TO MOBILIZE A UNITED EUROPEAN FRONT AGAINST COMMUNISM)". ACCORDING TO PAPER, MR JORGENSEN ASKED DANISH JOURNALISTS:
"YOU ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF YOUR MINDS IF YOU BELIEVE THAT I PHONED KISSINGER TO ASK WHETHER HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO GATHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE TO MEET IN DENMARK?"

13. LAND AND FOLK (COMMUNIST) WAS FAIRLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD IN ITS BRIEF, PAGE-THREE COVERAGE OF THE VISIT ITSELF. A SEPARATE STORY, HOWEVER, ON THE PAPER'S BACK PAGE CONCERNED THE DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE RADICAL LEFT AGAINST THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.
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